

## St. Catherine of Sweden Roman Catholic Church

### Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2008

#### Attendees:

Father Regis, Lori McKinniss, Francine Hovanec, John Fiore, Frank Petroy, Steve Zbur, Karen Gust, Bill Rasile, Don Wisniewski, Gary Spicuzza and Phyllis Murray

Opening Prayer was given by Steve Zbur

Minutes from the Pastoral Council Meeting on January 20, 2008 were approved.

#### Updates from Parish Manager, Lori McKinniss:

Parish Census - A version of the census for NEW parishioners was distributed for Council's review and comments. An instruction form will be included when mailed in mid-May. Current parishioners will also receive a census with populated information.

Farm Market - St. Catherine's will provide space in the upper parking lot for a summer farm market to be held each Wednesday from noon to 7pm. Fee charged for each booth and a portion goes to St. Catherine's, estimated at \$300 - \$500, which benefits the Building Fund. Produce to be sold from local farms -- Kaelin Farms, Harvest Valley, etc. Parishioners can participate also by selling baked goods, jams, etc.

#### Old Business:

Young At Heart - 100+ survey responses received. First event, Card Party / Game Night, to be held in May. Details to be worked out by Community Life committee. During first event, proposals of future events will be discussed in some manner to determine levels of interest.

New Parishioner Social - Social well received by those who attended. Donut Sunday is a good time to tie the social with since it is easy for people to stop by after mass and hear about the parish in a relaxed environment. Council should consider hosting this event annually as well as initiating phone calls every six months to welcome new parishioners. Office staff can provide a listing of new parishioners.

Golf Outing - To be held on Monday, June 2 at Deer Run. Working on hole sponsorships and gift donations.

Calendar Dinner Dance - Ready to go! (Dance to be held on Saturday, April 5.) The event has generated a good response in the number of attendees; we are past the break even point in ticket sales and sponsorships. The same format will be considered for another event next year using a different theme, possibly colleges or ethnic groups.

St. Anthony's Festival - Italian mass and festival to be held on Saturday, June 14. Plans are well underway.

#### New Business:

Staff Changes - Father Patrick Barkey starts on March 31. Father Regis shared Father Patrick's background with Council. The search for a new youth minister is underway.

Protecting God's Children - Diocese to be audited in the Fall, 2008 with random audits occurring at individual churches throughout the diocese. Program requirements have been expanded to include ushers. Individuals with computer skills are needed to assist ushers with electronic on-line registration process. (Program requirements - anyone involved with kids in any manner needs to attend seminar and receive proper legal clearances. Certification is good for five years, cost is \$30 per person to receive clearances.)

Cluster Ministry - St. Richard's will be hosting a meeting to enrich members of parish councils ministries on Saturday, May 3. Flyer distributed to Council. (Cluster includes St. Richards, St. Catherines and St. Ursulas church communities.)

Men's Prayer Group - Don Wisniewski spoke about his involvement with a Men's Prayer Group at St. Sebastian church. Don would like to see a Men's Prayer group created at St. Catherine's. St. Sebastian has offered to help and meet with members of St. Catherine's to discuss what's involved with forming a group. Deacon Cliff is also willing to help.

Website - Work is continuing behind the scenes to improve what's currently on the website. Council is able to view weekly Sunday readings and Fr. Regis' sermon on website. Website has not been rolled out to the church community until final adjustments are made. CDs for shut-ins are available. Lori Barch to gather names of shut-ins who are interested in obtaining CDs.

Parish Council Openings - There will be three open positions on parish council, two from members leaving soon and one vacancy from last year which not filled. John Beran will provide announcement for upcoming weekly bulletins. Council asked to consider people who may be a good fit. Talk with them and encourage them to respond to the announcement.

#### Committee Reports:

Community Life - Young at Heart events discussed earlier in the meeting.

Worship - Wednesday Lenten Series was well attended and they have received good feedback. 50+ people attended the Holy Thursday bus trip to six churches. Activity was well received and it was suggested that it be planned again next year.

Facilities - Gary Spicuzza provided an estimated cost to purchase an industrial dishwasher for the kitchen.

Faith Formation - The few programs evaluated for an adult education program are not a good fit. Committee will continue researching other options.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer for next meeting - Frank Petroy

Minutes for next meeting - Karen Gust

Minutes submitted by Phyllis Murray